(b) if so, the total number of illegal constructions and encroachments on public land cleared by the DDA as on 31st March, 1997 and the number still remaining to be cleared;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Unauthorised construction and encroachment on public land is a continuing problem in Delhi. According to Delhi Development Authority as and when the unauthorised construction/ encroachment of public land in its jurisdiction is noticed/reported, action to remove the unauthorised construction/ encroachment is taken by it. During the period 1.4.1996 to 31.3.97, 5913 numbers of unauthorised structures were removed and land measuring 172 acres involved in illegal constructions and encroachment on public land was cleared. 1691.73 acres of land which was under encroachment as on 1.4.1997 is yet to be cleared by the Delhi Development Authority.

Selection for group 'D' post in CPWD

3646. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2857 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20* March, 1997 and state:

(a) the number of casual Group 'D' employees of CPWD, New Delhi

belonging to OBC category who are in the zone of consideration and who have produced OBC certificates to the concerned authorities; and

(b) by which date all the selection formalities of 30 resultant vacancies of SCs/STs and OBCs in Group 'D* posts would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) All employees engaged on muster roll and hand-receipt and belonging to OBC category and who fulfil eligibility requirements for Group 'D' posts have been given regular appointments.

(b) Action for fresh recruitment will be taken after achieving the 10% cut of posts under direct recruitment quota in respect of vacancies pertaining to CPWD.

Subletting of Government Quarters

3647. SHRI NAGMANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of subletting of Government quarters detected in Delhi on surprise inspection during the last three years;

(b) whether Government employees owning houses in the names of their family members have been allotted Government quarters;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to cancel such allotments and allot accommodation to the needy employees; and

(d) what are the details of action taken against the employees who have sublet the Government accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) During surprise check of the quarters under the control of the Dte. of Estates, the following number of quarters were suspected sublet during the past three years:—

1994—44
1995—372
1996-4488
1997 — 176

(Upto 20.2.97)